was found to be more economic than entrusting the work to private agencies on commission. Further, the services of the clerk would be of help in carrying on correspondence for the purchase of stores, in keeping accounts, packing and distributing goods from the reserve stock, etc. Their services are at present non-pensionable. To meet the increased work in the office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, an additional clerk on Rs. 25 has also been temporarily sanctioned in the course of the year. Provision has been made for the continuance of the post in 1105.

Sanitation and Conservancy.—A noticeable feature of the budget estimate under this head for the ensuing year is the increased provision made for the 'Town Improvement Works' in Municipalities. Government have been considering whether it would not be a step in the right direction if the maintenance of the trunk roads under Municipalities be taken over by the State Public Works Department instead of burdening the Municipalities with the expenditure therefor, and they have now decided to take them over. The details of the scheme have not been decided on and it will be done in consultation with the Chairmen of the Municipalities concerned.

Public Works.—The budget estimate for the next year is fixed at Rs. 18,22,900, as against the revised estimate of Rs. 13,22,800, the provisions under 'Civil Engineering' and 'Mechanical Engineering' being Rs. 15,47,800 and Rs. 2,75,100 respectively. For 'Communications' a sum of Rs. 4,61,659 is set apart, and this includes provision for opening several new roads and for investigations in connection with the Hydro-electric Scheme. This latter scheme had been engaging the attention of an ex-Diwan, Mr. Bhore, and the Government consider it desirable to make a further investigation in the matter which, if attended with success, will be of lasting benefit to the State and the people in several directions. More about this, my friend, the Member for 'Public Works', will explain when his turn comes. 'Buildings' take up an allotment of Rs 7,35,431, the large increase under the head as compared with the revised estimate of the current year being chiefly due to a lump provision of Rs. 3,00,000 made for shifting the Maharaja's College to Anappara. The several works proposed to be taken up being detailed in the Appendix to the budget, I do not consider it necessary to make any remarks here explaining the allotment. The provision of Rs. 1,54,884 made under 'Irrigation' includes a lump allotment of Rs. 14,000 for investigation of irrigation projects in the State.

Under 'Mecqanical and Electrical Engineering' provision has been made for the original works in the 3rd stage of the

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